

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 14 and 18 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 15, 16 and 19-23 and 30, as follows.

Claims 1-14 (Cancelled).

15. (Currently Amended) An information recording medium comprising an electronic information storing circuit part, a base material and an ink receiving layer comprising a water-soluble or hydrophilic synthetic resin, in this order, and further comprising a barrier layer for preventing ink components applied to the ink receiving layer from reaching the electronic information storing circuit part and having a concentration of ionic chlorine of 100 ppm or less, wherein the barrier layer is provided between the electronic information storing circuit part and the base material, and ~~The information recording medium according to claim 14,~~ wherein the barrier layer has an air permeability of at least 300 sec/100 cc as measured in accordance with the Gurley air permeability testing method.

16. (Currently Amended) The information recording medium according to claim 15 ~~14~~, wherein the barrier layer has a thickness of 0.5 to 20 μm .

Claims 17-18 (Cancelled).

19. (Currently Amended) An information recording medium comprising an electronic information storing circuit part and an ink receiving layer comprising a water-soluble or hydrophilic synthetic resin, in this order, and further comprising a barrier layer for preventing ink components applied with an ink jet head to the ink receiving layer from reaching the electronic information storing circuit part and having a concentration of ionic chlorine of 100 ppm or less,

wherein the barrier layer is provided between the electronic information storing circuit part and the ink receiving layer, and ~~The information recording medium according to claim 18,~~ wherein the barrier layer has an air permeability of at least 300 sec/100 cc as measured in accordance with the Gurley air permeability testing method.

20. (Currently Amended) The information recording medium according to Claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein ink-jet recording can be carried out on the recording medium.

21. (Currently Amended) The information recording medium according to Claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein the recording medium is used as a non-contact tag.

22. (Currently Amended) The information recording medium according to claim ~~19~~ 18, wherein the barrier layer comprises a silicon-modified organic high-molecular weight compound or an epoxy resin composition.

23. (Currently Amended) An information recording medium comprising an electronic information storing circuit part, a base material and an ink receiving layer comprising a water-soluble or hydrophilic synthetic resin, in this order, and further comprising a barrier layer for preventing ink components applied to the ink receiving layer from reaching the electronic information storing circuit part,

wherein the barrier layer is provided between the electronic information storing circuit part and the base material, and wherein the barrier layer has an air permeability of at least 300 sec/100 cc as measured in accordance with the Gurley air permeability method.

24. (Previously Presented) The information recording medium according to Claim 23, wherein the ink receiving layer contains inorganic fine particles.

25. (Previously Presented) The information recording medium according to Claim 23, wherein the ink receiving layer contains a cationic compound.

26. (Previously Presented) The information recording medium according to Claim 23, wherein the ink receiving layer has a thickness of 1 to 100 μm .

27. (Previously Presented) The information recording medium according to Claim 23, wherein an adhesive layer and a releasing layer are provided on a surface of the base material other than that on which the ink receiving layer is provided.

28. (Previously Presented) The information recording medium according to Claim 23, wherein said medium is in the form of cut sheets.

29. (Previously Presented) The information recording medium according to Claim 23, wherein said medium is in the form of a roll.

30. (Currently Amended) An information recording medium comprising an electronic information storing circuit part and an ink receiving layer, in this order, and further comprising a barrier layer which is a base material composed of a water-repellent material,

wherein the barrier layer is provided between the electronic information storing circuit part and the ink receiving layer so as to prevent an ink applied with an ink jet head to the ink receiving layer from reaching the electronic information storing circuit part, and wherein the barrier layer has an air permeability of at least 300 sec/100 cc as measured in accordance with the Gurley air permeability method.

31. (Previously Presented) The information recording medium according to Claim 30, wherein the ink receiving layer contains inorganic fine particles.

32. (Previously Presented) The information recording medium according to Claim 30, wherein the ink receiving layer contains a cationic compound.

33. (Previously Presented) The information recording medium according to Claim 30, wherein the ink receiving layer has a thickness of 1 to 100 μm .

34. (Previously Presented) The information recording medium according to Claim 30, wherein an adhesive layer and a releasing layer are provided on a surface of the base material other than that on which the ink receiving layer is provided.

35. (Previously Presented) The information recording medium according to Claim 30, wherein said medium is in the form of cut sheets.

36. (Previously Presented) The information recording medium according to Claim 30, wherein said medium is in the form of a roll.